(ग) क्या किसी केन्द्रीय मंत्री ने अब तक इस कारखाने का निरीक्षण किया है, यदि हां, तो कब, और यदि नहीं, तो इसके कारण क्या हैं ?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुआर्डो फेलेरिरो) : (क) गत तीन वर्षों के लिए पाइराइट्स फास्फेट्स एण्ड केमिकल्स लि० (पी० पी० सी० एल०) के अमझोर एकक की रसायनों और उर्वरकों की क्षमता तथा उत्पादन के ब्यौरे नीचे दिए गए हैं :—

उत्पादन की मद	वार्षिक स्थापित क्षमता	उत्पादन ('000/मी० टन)		
		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
सिंगल सुपर फास्फेट . . .	264.00	171.12	177.18	128.60
सल्फ्यूरिक एसिड	99.20	67.01	72.65	52.00

(ख) पी० पी० सी० एल० का पंजीकृत कार्यालय देहरी-आन-सोन, जिला रोहतास (बिहार) में स्थित है । गत दो वर्षों के दौरान अधिकारियों/कार्यकर्ताओं द्वारा पंजीकृत कार्यालय तथा फैक्टरी के बीच जाने तथा आने तथा पेट्रोल एवं रख-रखाव पर व्यय की गई राशि के ब्यौरे नीचे दिए गए हैं :—

	कितनी बार वाहनों का उपयोग किया गया	पेट्रोल तथा रख-रखाव पर व्यय की गयी राशि
1992-93	80	रु० 75,383.75
1993-94	112	रु० 87,741.00

उपर्युक्त आंकड़ों में बस द्वारा परिवहन पर किया गया व्यय शामिल नहीं है जो भुगतान के आधार पर कम्पनी द्वारा प्रदान किया जाता है ।

(ग) उर्वरक विभाग तथा ग्रामीण विकास विभाग के तत्कालीन राज्य मंत्रियों ने क्रमशः 4-4-87 तथा 22-10-90 को अमझोर एकक का दौरा किया ।

Specifications for the Muriate of Potash

3887. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the specifications fixed for Muriate of Potash ;

(b) what is the particle size according to the specifications ;

(c) what are the reasons for fixing the size of the particles ; and

(d) whether there is some change in the composition of the particles, if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) A Statement is attached (*See* below).

(c) Particle size specifications of Muriate of Potash have been fixed having regard to process requirements of the manufacture of complex grade fertilizers and ease of direct application as well as efficiency of utilization in the field.

(d) The specifications of granular Muriate of Potash were notified on 3-6-1993.

Statement

S. No.	Name of Fertilizer		Specifications	
1.	Potassium Chloride (Muriate of Potash)	(i)	Moisture per cent by weight maximum . .	0.5
		(ii)	Water soluble potash content (as K_2O) per cent by weight, minimum .	60.0
		(iii)	Sodium (as NaCl) per cent by weight (on dry basis), maximum . .	3.5
		(iv)	Particle size—95 per cent of the material shall pass through 1.7 mm IS sieve and be retained on 0.25 mm IS sieve.	

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2.	Potassium Chloride (Muriate of Potash) (Granular)	(i) Moisture per cent by weight, maximum .	0.5
		(ii) Water soluble potash (as K_2O) per cent by weight, minimum . .	60.0
		(iii) Sodium (as NaCl) per cent by weight, maximum .	3.5
		(iv) Magnesium (as M_gCl_2) per cent by weight, maximum	1.0
		(v) Particle size—90 per cent of the material shall pass through 3.35 mm IS sieve and be retained on 1 mm IS sieve not more than 5 per cent shall be below 1 mm IS sieve.	

Customs duty on drug intermediates

3888. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the drug intermediates which are levied customs duty of Zero per cent, 25 per cent and fifty per cent after current year's budget and what was the duty on these intermediates earlier ;

(b) whether any one of these intermediates is produced in the country and if so, what is the difference between its indigenous price and CIF import price ;

(c) whether any changes in the price of the bulk drugs have been made consequent to increase/reduction in customs duty, and if not, by when such changes would be made ; and

(d) what are the names of the intermediates in the negative list and what is the purpose of keeping them in such a list ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALLEIRO) : (a) to (c) The names of drug intermediates and the applicable rates of import duties after the current year's Budget are as contained in the notifications issued by the Ministry of Finance on 1-3-1994. The import duties earlier applicable on these intermediates were as notified by the Ministry of Finance from time to time. There are a large number of such intermediates which, besides being imported, are also manufactured in the country and the difference between the indigenous price and c.i.f. price for them varies from intermediate to intermediate. The study, subsequent to the changes in the import duties has been initiated for early revision of the bulk drugs prices.

(d) The names of the intermediates in the negative list of imports are listed in the Export Import Policy 1992—97 issued by the Ministry of Commerce. These intermediates are included in the Negative list of imports to safeguard the interests of the indigenous industry.

Advantage of the Open Sky Policy to Private Entrepreneurs

3889. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the names, alongwith salient features, of the private entrepreneurs which have taken advantage of the Open Sky Policy in the country so far ;

(b) the number of domestic flights which each one of them is operating daily, sector-wise, and the facilities like counters, space, etc. made available to each one of them by the airport authorities at various stations ;

(c) how far these facilities compare in area space and other logistic arrangements with the national carriers as also the time bound plans to give them more facilities ; and

(d) the representations received from each one of them with comments ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) The "Open Sky Policy" of the Government is in respect of air cargo flights only.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Foreign exchange outflow through national carriers

3890. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI :
SHRI E. BALANANDAN :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :